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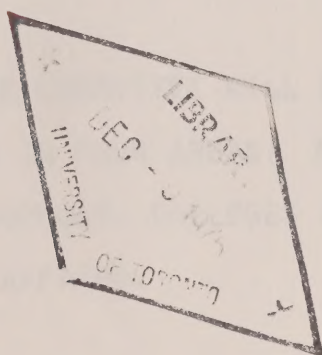
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TO THE LEGISLATURE'S

STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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MR. CHAIRMAN:

SINCE I LAST PRESENTED MY MINISTRY'S ESTIMATES TO THE COMMITTEE THE SHAPE OF THE MINISTRY HAS CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY WITH THE TRANSFER OF OUR FORMER CULTURAL AFFAIRS DIVISION TO THE NEW MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND RECREATION.

THIS YEAR THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE ON EXPENDITURES IN FOUR AREAS: MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION, UNIVERSITY SUPPORT, COLLEGES AND ADULT EDUCATION SUPPORT, AND STUDENT AFFAIRS.

I WILL OUTLINE BRIEFLY SOME OF THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT HAVE GONE INTO OUR PLANNING IN THESE FOUR AREAS. HOWEVER, BEFORE DOING SO, I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW THE COMMITTEE'S ATTENTION TO THE CHANGED ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH WE FIND OURSELVES OPERATING.

IN THE SIXTIES IT WAS A POPULAR NOTION THAT HIGHER EDUCATION WAS THE KEY TO OUR FUTURE PROSPERITY AND THE UNIVERSAL PANACEA FOR OUR SOCIAL ILLS. I WELCOME THE FACT THAT THIS MYTH HAS BEEN DISPELLED, BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT THE PENDULUM IS NOW SWINGING TOO FAR THE OTHER WAY. WE NOW HEAR MORE OFTEN WHAT DR. JOHN DEUTCH HAS REFERRED TO AS "THE SHRILL CRY OF ACCOUNTABILITY." I BELIEVE THE CRY IS LEGITIMATE

ENOUGH, BUT ITS SHRILLNESS IS SOMETIMES DISTURBING.

WE ARE ALSO EXPERIENCING AN INCREASING DEMAND FOR POST-SECONDARY COURSES TO BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE JOB MARKET. ALTHOUGH IT IS AN IMPORTANT FUNCTION OF THE POST-SECONDARY SYSTEM TO PROVIDE QUALIFIED GRADUATES FOR JOBS IN BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE TO ENSURE THAT WE DO NOT CONCENTRATE SOLELY ON THIS FUNCTION AND LOSE SIGHT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF OTHER TRADITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SUCH AS COMMUNITY SERVICE, THE TRANSMISSION OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE PURSUIT OF NEW KNOWLEDGE THROUGH RESEARCH.

IN A NUTSHELL, GOVERNMENT FUNDING POLICIES MUST REFLECT THE REAL NEED FOR ECONOMIC CONSTRAINT YET MAINTAIN A LEVEL OF SUPPORT THAT WILL NOT ENDANGER THE WELL-BEING OF OUR POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS NOR DIMINISH THEIR ABILITY TO MEET THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE OF ONTARIO. THIS HAS BEEN THE GUIDING PHILOSOPHY BEHIND OUR FUNDING PROPOSALS.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT THE FOUR ITEMS ON WHICH THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED TO VOTE. THE FIRST VOTE - MINISTRY ADMINISTRATION - IS RELATIVELY STRAIGHTFORWARD. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT TO THE COMMITTEE THAT THE MINISTRY HAS ADJUSTED ITS OPERATIONS TO ACHIEVE THE 3% REDUCTION IN COMPLEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE TREASURER'S BUDGET SPEECH. IN A TIME OF EXPANDING DEMANDS, THE REDUCTION HAS NOT BEEN EASY TO ACCOMPLISH. BUT I SHARE WITH MY DEPUTY MINISTER THE BELIEF THAT WE SHOULD IMPOSE ON OUR OWN OPERATIONS THE SAME STRINGENCY AND REQUIREMENT FOR EFFICIENCY THAT WE EXPECT FROM THE INSTITUTIONS.

TURNING NOW TO THE AREA OF UNIVERSITY SUPPORT, I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO PUT OUR FUNDING PROPOSALS IN THEIR HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE.

SINCE 1960 OPERATING SUPPORT FOR THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HAS RISEN FROM \$24.5 MILLION TO THE PROPOSED LEVEL OF \$568 MILLION IN THE CURRENT YEAR. DURING THIS SAME PERIOD CAPITAL GRANTS TO THE UNIVERSITIES HAVE TOTALLED

ABOUT \$1,050 MILLION. THIS LEVEL OF EXPENDITURES HAS BEEN VITAL TO ACCOMMODATE THE MASSIVELY INCREASED DEMAND FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION. IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT NEED FOR FINANCIAL RESTRAINT IN ALL AREAS OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING, IT IS INTERESTING TO SPECULATE ON WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED HAD THE DEMAND FOR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION WE EXPERIENCED IN THE 60'S NOT COINCIDED WITH A PERIOD OF UNPRECEDENTED PROSPERITY FOR THE PROVINCE.

AT THE PRESENT TIME ENROLMENT CONTINUES TO INCREASE, BUT AT A MUCH MORE MODERATE PACE THAN IN THE 60'S. SIMULTANEOUSLY WE ARE FACED BY A SLOW DOWN IN THE ECONOMY. CONSEQUENTLY OUR POLICY OF ENCOURAGING ECONOMY AND CONSOLIDATION IS NOW EVEN MORE GERMANE THAN IN THE PAST.

THERE IS A POINT TO BE MADE HERE THAT I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED BY SOME OF OUR CRITICS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS ADOPTED A NEW AND RESTRICTIVE APPROACH TO UNIVERSITY FUNDING. IN FACT, FOR MANY YEARS THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN REMINDING THE UNIVERSITIES OF THE NEED FOR ECONOMY AND THE INSTITUTIONS HAVE RECEIVED A LEVEL OF SUPPORT FROM THE GOVERNMENT THAT WAS DICTATED AS MUCH BY WHAT THE PROVINCE COULD AFFORD AS BY WHAT THE INSTITUTIONS BELIEVED THEY NEEDED.

EVEN AS EARLY AS 1966, PREMIER DAVIS, THEN MINISTER OF UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS, NOTED THAT "GOVERNMENT RESOURCES ARE NOT WITHOUT LIMIT" AND EXHORTED THE UNIVERSITIES TO GIVE "FULL RECOGNITION TO THE NEED FOR ECONOMY."

IN 1971 THE HONOURABLE JOHN WHITE, AS MINISTER OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, REMINDED THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY THAT IT WAS "THE DETERMINATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO TO RATIONALIZE EDUCATION COSTS WITH THE PUBLIC RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THIS IMPORTANT FUNCTION." DURING THIS PERIOD SUBSTANTIAL ENROLMENT INCREASES CONTINUED, AND GOVERNMENT GRANTS WERE ALSO INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY TO MEET THIS GROWTH.

HOWEVER, WHEN THE ENROLMENT UNCERTAINTY OF THE '70'S BECAME EVIDENT THE GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGED THE INSTITUTIONS TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR OPERATIONS BY PROVIDING AN ANNUAL AVERAGE BIU VALUE INCREASE OF 4.3% BETWEEN 1969-70 AND 1974-75. THE CAPITAL MORATORIUM, THE EMBARGO ON NEW GRADUATE PROGRAMS AND SLIP YEAR FINANCING ALL WERE INDICATIONS OF OUR CONCERN ABOUT BALANCING EXPENDITURE ON HIGHER EDUCATION WITH THE FINANCIAL CAPACITY OF THE PROVINCE.

I SHOULD ALSO EMPHASIZE THAT EVEN DURING THE CURRENT

PERIOD OF ECONOMIC CONSTRAINT, THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO NEED TO FEEL APOLOGETIC ABOUT THE LEVEL OF FUNDING IT PROVIDES FOR UNIVERSITY SUPPORT. ACCORDING TO A STUDY ISSUED LAST YEAR BY THE ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, THE AVERAGE PERCENT OF GNP SPENT ON HIGHER EDUCATION IN 1970 WAS 1.3% FOR THE COUNTRIES STUDIED. THE COUNTRIES INCLUDED THE UNITED STATES, DENMARK, GERMANY, FRANCE AND JAPAN. THE PERCENTAGES RANGED FROM A LOW OF 0.6% IN FRANCE TO A HIGH OF 2.5% IN THE UNITED STATES.

OUR BEST ESTIMATE INDICATES THAT IN THE SAME YEAR 2.8% OF THE ONTARIO GROSS PROVINCIAL PRODUCT WAS DEVOTED TO POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION, A LEVEL EQUALLED BY FEW OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

OUR SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR CALL FOR A 16.9% INCREASE TO \$568 MILLION IN OPERATING SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. THE PERCENTAGE INCREMENT WILL BE LARGER THAN THAT TO BE RECEIVED BY EITHER HEALTH OR EDUCATION. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT PROVINCIAL REVENUES WILL ONLY INCREASE BY 10.4%, I BELIEVE THIS HIGH LEVEL OF SUPPORT IS TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF OUR DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE QUALITY IN UNIVERSITY EDUCATION IN ONTARIO.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE ONTARIO COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS WE HAVE MAINTAINED THE EXISTING FORMULA FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATING GRANTS. THE TOTAL SUM ALLOCATED TO OPERATING SUPPORT ENABLES US TO INCREASE THE VALUE OF THE BASIC INCOME UNIT BY 8% FROM \$1,955 TO \$2,111.

ALSO ON THE ADVICE OF THE OCUA, WE INTEND TO PROVIDE \$1.28 MILLION IN NORTHERN ONTARIO GRANTS TO LAKEHEAD AND LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITIES AND LAURENTIAN'S RELATED COLLEGES; \$7.23 MILLION WILL BE PROVIDED IN SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS, TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG BROCK, CARLETON, LAKEHEAD, LAURENTIAN, TRENT AND YORK UNIVERSITIES AND THE UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR, IN RECOGNITION OF PARTICULAR PROBLEMS FACED BY THESE INSTITUTIONS; AND \$3.12 MILLION WILL BE PROVIDED IN GRANTS TO SUPPORT BILINGUALISM AND FRENCH-LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA AND ITS FEDERATED UNIVERSITY, ST. PAUL, LAURENTIAN UNIVERSITY AND ITS ASSOCIATED INSTITUTIONS, THE UNIVERSITY OF SUDBURY AND COLLEGE DE HEARST, AND GLENDON COLLEGE OF YORK UNIVERSITY.

WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ACCEPT A FURTHER RECOMMENDATION

BY THE OCUA THAT AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$16.2 MILLION BE ALLOCATED TO THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FOR OPERATING SUPPORT.

WE HAVE TO FACE THE FACT THAT LEGITIMATE DEMANDS FOR FUNDS FROM THE PROVINCE FAR OUTSTRIP PROVINCIAL REVENUES. WE ARE ALREADY FACING A SUBSTANTIAL DEFICIT AND THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL OPERATING SUPPORT TO THE UNIVERSITIES WOULD ONLY AGGRAVATE OUR POSITION. CONSEQUENTLY, DESPITE THE PERSUASIVE NATURE OF THE COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS, WE FELT OBLIGED TO MAINTAIN OPERATING SUPPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AT THE \$568 MILLION LEVEL.

I HAVE ALSO MADE IT QUITE CLEAR TO THE INSTITUTIONS THAT WE DO NOT FORESEE ANY DRAMATIC CHANGE IN THE LEVEL OF FUNDING FOR THE NEXT FEW YEARS. AS I SAID EARLIER, THE CHALLENGE WE ARE FACING IS TO CONTAIN THE GROWTH OF EXPENDITURES WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AVAILABLE FUNDS WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE QUALITY OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OR UNDULY LIMITING ANY OF ITS ESSENTIAL ROLES.

I DO NOT PRETEND THAT THE TASK IS AN EASY ONE. BUT MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PERSUADE ME THAT IT CAN AND WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED.

TURNING NOW TO THE THIRD VOTE - COLLEGES AND ADULT EDUCATION SUPPORT - I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO SUMMARIZE IN GENERAL TERMS THE SITUATION OF THE COLLEGES OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY.

THE FINANCIAL RESTRAINTS THAT WE ARE COMPELLED TO IMPOSE ON POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS AFFECT THE COLLEGES AT LEAST AS SEVERELY AS THE UNIVERSITIES. MANY COLLEGES ARE STILL FACED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE THEIR ENROLMENT ANNUALLY ON A SCALE COMPARABLE TO THE UNIVERSITIES IN THE 60's. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE EVEN LESS FLEXIBILITY THAN THE UNIVERSITIES TO ACCOMMODATE GROWTH, AS THEIR LARGEST SINGLE EXPENDITURES - FACULTY SALARIES AND THE MONETARY EFFECTS OF WORKLOAD PROVISIONS - ARE DICTATED BY COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CIVIL SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO AND THE ONTARIO COUNCIL OF REGENTS.

AS A RESULT OF THIS LACK OF FLEXIBILITY, SOME COLLEGES ARE FINDING IT NECESSARY TO LIMIT THEIR ENROLMENT TO A DEGREE THAT IS INCONSISTENT WITH THEIR ORIGINAL MANDATE TO RESPOND TO THE DEMAND FOR POST-SECONDARY COURSES WITHIN THEIR COMMUNITIES.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN COMPELLED TO LIMIT THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE COLLEGES BEFORE THE COLLEGE SYSTEM AS A WHOLE HAS REACHED ITS FULL POTENTIAL AND BEFORE THE ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING EACH COLLEGE WITH BASIC CAMPUS FACILITIES HAS BEEN ATTAINED.

HOWEVER, EIGHT YEARS EXPERIENCE WITH THE COLLEGE SYSTEM INDICATES THAT ITS ORIGINAL OBJECTIVES WERE WELL FOUNDED. I WOULD HOPE THAT THE CURRENT PERIOD OF RESTRAINT WILL ENABLE THE COLLEGES TO RATIONALIZE AND STABILIZE THE GROWTH THEY HAVE ACHIEVED SO FAR AND WILL REPRESENT ONLY A TEMPORARY SLOWING DOWN IN THE SYSTEM'S STEADY PROGRESS TOWARDS ITS ORIGINAL GOALS.

WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR OPERATING SUPPORT TO THE COLLEGES OF \$201 MILLION, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE OF NEARLY 16% OVER 1974-75.

ON THE ADVICE OF THE ONTARIO COUNCIL OF REGENTS WE HAVE DISCONTINUED THE FORMULA FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF OPERATING GRANTS THAT HAS BEEN USED IN THE PAST. INSTEAD THE COUNCIL HAS RECOMMENDED THAT EACH COLLEGE RECEIVE AN INCREASE OF 11% OVER ITS 1974-75 OPERATING GRANT TO

COMPENSATE FOR THE IMPACT OF INFLATION AND THAT THE REMAINING FUNDS BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE COLLEGES ACCORDING TO THEIR ENROLMENT GROWTH BETWEEN 1973-74 AND 1974-75. I HAVE ACCEPTED THIS RECOMMENDATION.

IN THE AREA OF MANPOWER TRAINING, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT WE ANTICIPATE IN THE CURRENT YEAR IS THE TRANSFER TO THE COLLEGES OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY OF 23 DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS CURRENTLY WORKING IN MY MINISTRY'S MANPOWER TRAINING BRANCH. THESE DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS CARRY OUT OCCUPATIONAL ANALYSES AND PREPARE DETAILED TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR COMPANIES SEEKING FEDERAL SUPPORT UNDER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S CANADA MANPOWER INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAM. THEIR TRANSFER TO THE COLLEGES WILL ENABLE EACH COLLEGE TO COMPLETELY COORDINATE ITS INDUSTRIAL TRAINING ACTIVITY.

MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENTS AND BOARD CHAIRMEN OF THE VARIOUS COLLEGES AND THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY, THE VARIOUS INSTITUTIONS AND THE ONTARIO COUNCIL OF REGENTS, CONVINCED ME THAT THE SUCCESSFUL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLLEGES OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY WILL PROGRESS DESPITE THE CONTINUING NEED FOR FINANCIAL RESTRAINT.

I WOULD NOW LIKE TO REFER BRIEFLY TO THE FINAL VOTE, STUDENT AFFAIRS. I COVERED OUR MAJOR PROPOSALS IN DETAIL IN MY STATEMENT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON MARCH 18 THIS YEAR SO I WILL JUST BRIEFLY REVIEW THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE COMMITTEE.

DEALING FIRST WITH THE LARGEST PROGRAM - THE ONTARIO STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - WE PROPOSE TO INCREASE THE TOTAL BUDGET TO \$46.55 MILLION, UP APPROXIMATELY 18% OVER EXPENDITURES IN 1974-75. THIS INCREASE WILL ENABLE US TO PROVIDE LIVING ALLOWANCES FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS OF UP TO \$57.50 PER WEEK, AN 18.5% INCREASE OVER THE EQUIVALENT FIGURE FOR LAST YEAR.

STUDENTS WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPTION OF APPLYING FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE CANADA STUDENT LOANS PLAN ONLY. THIS OPTION WILL GIVE THEM ACCESS TO MORE MONEY THAN THEY COULD OBTAIN FROM OSAP. HOWEVER, IT WOULD ALL BE IN THE FORM OF A LOAN THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY HAVE TO BE REPAYED.

TO COMPENSATE FOR SOME OF THE SHORTCOMINGS OF THE CANADA STUDENT LOANS PLAN, WE ALSO PROPOSE TO INTRODUCE TWO NEW PROGRAMS, STARTING IN SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR.

THE ONTARIO SPECIAL BURSARY PROGRAM WILL MAKE BURSARIES AVAILABLE TO THE MOST NEEDY PART-TIME STUDENTS. THIS PROGRAM IS AN EXPANDED VERSION OF A SIMILAR AND SUCCESSFUL PILOT PROGRAM WHICH WE HAVE OPERATED AT A LIMITED NUMBER OF INSTITUTIONS FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS.

THE SECOND NEW PROGRAM IS THE ONTARIO STUDENT LOANS PLAN WHICH WILL PROVIDE LOANS TO PART-TIME STUDENTS AND OTHERS WHO ARE INELIGIBLE FOR AID FROM THE CANADA STUDENT LOANS PLAN.

IN ADDITION WE ARE CONTINUING THE ONTARIO GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, WITH A BUDGET ALLOCATION OF \$3 MILLION, AND A NUMBER OF OTHER FELLOWSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP AND BURSARY PROGRAMS, SOME OF WHICH ARE FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ARE RELATED TO IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF TEACHING IN FRENCH AND ENCOURAGING ONTARIO STUDENTS TO STUDY IN FRENCH.

IN CONCLUSION, I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THE COMMITTEE THAT THE WHOLE SUBJECT OF STUDENT ASSISTANCE IS CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED BY THE INTERIM ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WHICH IS CHAIRED JOINTLY BY THE CHAIRMEN OF THE ONTARIO COUNCIL ON UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS AND THE ONTARIO COUNCIL OF REGENTS. THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE EXPECTS TO GIVE ME ITS FINAL REPORT NEXT YEAR.

FINALLY I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THE TWO EXPERIENCE '75 YOUTH PROGRAMS BEING COORDINATED BY OUR MINISTRY. UNDER THE FIRST PROGRAM WE WILL PROVIDE UP TO 150 PEOPLE WITH INTEREST FREE LOANS TO A MAXIMUM OF \$1,000 PER VENTURE TO OWN AND OPERATE THEIR OWN SUMMER BUSINESSES. SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PROGRESS REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ON A REGULAR BASIS AND TO REPAY THEIR LOAN AT THE END OF THE SUMMER.

A SECOND PROGRAM, WHICH WILL EMPLOY UP TO 450 PEOPLE, IS COORDINATED THROUGH THE YMCA OF METROPOLITAN TORONTO. IT WILL ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO DEVELOP AND OPERATE LOW RISK BUSINESSES WITH GUIDANCE FROM TRAINED STAFF AND SOME INITIAL CAPITALIZATION. BOTH OF THESE VENTURES ARE BASED ON SIMILAR PROGRAMS WHICH OPERATED SUCCESSFULLY IN 1974. THEIR TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET IS \$234,000.

MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT CONCLUDES MY SUMMARY OF OUR MINISTRY'S PROPOSALS. WE WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO PROVIDE FURTHER DETAILS TO THE MEMBERS AS THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS THE INDIVIDUAL VOTES.